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## Meridian Welcomes the Convention

### MERIDIAN BAPTISTS WELCOME YOU

The Baptists of Meridian are preparing a warm welcome for our State Convention when it meets in 105th session, November 10-13. We want you to come for the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference and remain through to the adjournment of the Convention. While the sessions will be held in the First Baptist Church the eight Baptist Churches of the city will be your hosts while you are in Meridian. We are moving forward with warm-hearted unanimity in effective preparation for your reception. We want to do all that Mississippi hospitality can in the way of giving you an enjoyable stay in our city.

You are coming to Meridian at a time when the world is in the throes of a death struggle. We will meet under the cloud of vast world of dangers. Yet we rejoice that the light comes to us from the cross and the empty tomb and gives us faith and courage as we await the outcome of the terrible tragedy that is being enacted upon the world stage. Our prayer is that the meeting of this Convention will be used of the Holy Spirit to enrich our faith in our great Saviour. May there be renewed in all our hearts in Meridian courage and faith that will enable Mississippi Baptists to move forward in the way of the Lord with stronger purpose.

We look forward with happy anticipation to your visit with us. We urge you to come in large numbers. We ourselves want to be praying for a great spiritual feast. We entreat you to come in the prayerful expectation of a blessed spiritually empowered experience of the grace of God while we meet together.

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### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE HOMECOMING

Dr. J. W. Provine, for forty-nine years the Professor of Organic Chemistry, will be honored at the annual Homecoming celebration of Mississippi College this year, it has been announced. The annual event, which is scheduled this year for Saturday, November 8, is expected to draw a large crowd of alumni and friends of the institution.

Dr. W. O. Sadler, who is chairman of the Public Exercises Committee which is in charge of the affair, announces that there will be several phases to the all-day program. The morning of Homecoming Day will be spent by the visitors and hometown people in exchanging greetings and in the inspecting of the several buildings of the college. In the afternoon, a special program honoring Dr. Provine will be presented in the historical chapel where he presided as president of the college for so many years. A reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Provine and the football game with Mercer University, which will be played Saturday night, will comprise the remaining highlights of the program.

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Rev. O. C. Chance goes from Crowder to Harrisville, where the church is building a new home for the pastor. Half-time will be given to Harrisville and the other half to Braxton. This is the field formerly served by Brother B. A. McCullough.

Pastor R. A. Morris of Newton had Dr. L. G. Gates with him last week in a stewardship revival. He spoke on the book of Malachi. Result: 102 have pledged to tithe. The deacons recommended the continuance of tithes and offerings as the plan for church finances.

Brookhaven First Church made a special State Mission Offering of \$116.52.



First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss., meeting place of the Baptist State Convention.

### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

The First Baptist Church, Meridian, rejoices in the wonderful year which the Baptists of Mississippi have enjoyed through the blessing of God since the Convention met last. We are happy that we are to have the privilege of having the Convention meet in Meridian and its sessions held in our church. We want to assure the brethren that a warm welcome awaits them. Each of our eight churches is sharing heartily in the preparation for the coming Convention.

Our Convention will meet in one of the most fatefully critical hours of history. It is a time that is testing the souls of men. We rejoice that the grace of our God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is sufficient to enable all who abide in Him to be more than conquerors.

In these days our government is spending astronomical sums of money for national military defense. The material resources and the manpower of the nation are being mobilized for the armed protection of the country. We realize, however, that our nation's first line of defense is in the hearts of its people. The resources which will enable democracy to survive in this terrible day must come from the grace of Christ Jesus our Lord communicated to the minds and souls of men and women yielded to His will.

Our hearts, therefore, yearn that our Convention next week shall be one in which there shall be much prayer and planning for a spiritual transformation and undergirding of our Baptist hosts. Their leaders will largely be in Meridian. We trust that they will come with the prayer that we shall all be given to the will of Christ in this Convention and that it will be a feast whose spiritual values will send us back to our churches with the fire of God burning on the altar of our souls.

Of necessity much time has to be given to the consideration of reports and laying practical plans for the work of the coming year. We shall be praying that even in these we shall find some way to so open our hearts to the will of Christ that everything that transpires in this Convention shall

The Pastors' and Laymen's Conference will hold its annual meeting in Meridian beginning at 7 o'clock p. m. on Monday, November 10, preceding the Annual State Convention. A good program has been provided.

FORREST COOPER, President.

Marion Baptist Church in Lauderdale County called last Sunday night Rev. W. J. Warren as its pastor. Brother Warren is a ministerial student at Mississippi College and we are looking forward to a great year's work in this field.—Reporter.

The last of our missionaries to Palestine have left for home. Rev. and Mrs. Roswell Owen went east to India, then to South Africa and then sailed for America. Travel is zig-zag these days.

Last week Dr. M. E. Dodd preached in an evangelistic meeting at First Church, San Angelo, Texas, where our good friend J. W. Middleton is pastor.

It now seems certain that the offering of the Mississippi W. M. U. for State Missions will go to \$12,000, possibly more.

be used of God for the increase of the faith, loyalty to Christ and spiritual courage of our people for such a time as this.

Let every man and woman who comes to this Convention seek to prepare their hearts for a holy meeting with Christ our Saviour.

We are eager that this Convention shall be a marvelous demonstration of Christian fellowship. In these days we need the enrichment of such an experience. It will be just that, if we sincerely gather together here in the consciousness of how great is the love of Christ for us and despite whatever there may be that is unlovely in us and our brethren, we have every reason to love each other sincerely in Christ.

We are eager to render any service to make this gathering of our people in their annual Convention an enjoyable and blessed experience.

May the largest possible number of you come. We want you to come praying for and expecting a blessing.



## Sparks and Splinters

Pray God that all our people may come to the Convention with open mind. And the same goes for the meeting of the Convention Board. Anybody who tries to prejudice the minds of the messengers or the Board members so as to carry his own point is a political schemer, unworthy of a place among Baptists. Political maneuvering has never done a religious cause any good.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams recently moved into their new home on Greymont Street in Jackson. It is well located in an excellent part of the city. The house is beautiful and one of the most conveniently arranged we have seen. Friends at Baptist headquarters were invited to a good supper in the new home, and rejoiced with those that do rejoice, and had good fellowship with one another. Brother Williams is the well known State Sunday School Secretary. And they do say that his wife planned the house.

Dr. J. B. Quin, pastor at Summit, reports a genuine revival, with Dr. F. K. Horton of Columbia preaching. "His preaching was constructive and helpful. The congregations were fine, growing to the end, and closing out at high tide. There were six additions, five by baptism."

In the Biblical Recorder Dr. W. R. Cullom has this paragraph: "I want an editor who has opinions of his own, and who has also the ability and the courage to speak those opinions, whether they please me or not. So long as he is loyal to the teachings of the Bible and faithful to the task imposed upon him as an interpreter of the will and purpose of God for our Baptist people in particular and in the great world of the kingdom in the world in general, he is doing what I for one want my editor to do."

The Gallup poll indicates that a larger percent of gambling in this country is done through church lotteries than through any other one way. People do not need to be told what church is guilty.

North Mississippi Annual Conference of Methodists meets in Greenville this week. The Father's blessings on them.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address contains the phrase, "Of the people, by the people, for the people." The authorship of this famous phrase is almost universally attributed to President Lincoln, but its authorship goes back nearly five hundred years before the memorable date upon which it was used by Mr. Lincoln. In John Wycliffe's introduction to his translation of the Bible, published in England in 1382, these words occur: "The Bible is for the government of the people, by the people, and for the people."—Ex.

The retiring editor is grateful for the resolutions passed by various associations with reference to his services with The Baptist Record. It does not seem the proper thing to publish them, but we are sincerely appreciative.

Pastor C. W. Baldridge has resigned the care of the church at Inverness, effective Dec. 31, after twelve and a half years of service. He said, "It has been a distinct honor to follow such men as C. E. Welch and R. L. Wallace, and a pleasure to live among the best people in the world. This is a well organized reasonably enlisted church. All debts paid. This is a good field for some patient man of God." We hope that Brother Baldridge may be kept in Mississippi. The good condition of the church at Inverness is attested by three additions on Sunday, one by baptism; good congregations and about \$70.00 given on State Mission Day.

During October there were 25 additions to First Church of Biloxi.

Salem Church, Scott County, has organized a new Sunday School. Mr. Harry Watkins is superintendent; Mr. Avers Stroud, assistant; Mabel Strough, secretary and treasurer. Four teachers are provided. The church meeting is on the third Sunday. In November there will be all day services with dinner at the church.

The church at Philadelphia will dedicate their building Nov. 16, having recently finished paying all indebtedness. A lot has been bought next to the church building on which they propose to build a pastor's home.

Rev. Elton Barlow has resigned the McCall's Creek Church, Franklin Association, at the end of three years service as their pastor and begins with Concord Church, same association the first of November. He continues with Lucien and New Salem, where he has been a little over a year and a half.

The Ethel Baptist Church has grown by leaps and bounds, since the election of our new pastor. Brother Othell Hand, called for an indefinite time. Our Sunday School, under the leadership of Brother A. C. Furr has increased fifty per cent. The church has gone from fourth time to half time and contemplating a baptistry in the near future. We feel our church is going forward and are praying that great things may be accomplished for our Master.—Mrs. Mary Graham.

In Philadelphia, Pa., Protestants staged the largest parade ever seen in that city of many parades. It was the beginning of a spiritual defense program. There were 80,000 people in the parade. They went singing through the principal streets of the city. It was the beginning of an effort for a great spiritual awakening. May the Lord send it upon them and upon all of us.

The Executive Vice-President of the American Business Men's Research Foundation says that the present high insurance rates on automobiles are caused by drunken drivers. This item has cost the insurance companies \$15,000,000, and they up the rates. In 1940 there were 34,500 fatal automobile accidents. The National Safety Council says that one-fifth of them involved either a driver or a pedestrian who had been drinking. The man who recently asked us to stop his paper ought to get this.

Rev. J. R. Kyzar was recently chosen Moderator of the Nashville Association in Tennessee; also preached the Doctrinal Sermon. Since an associational missionary was employed four and a half years ago ten new churches have been organized. His own church, Grandview, continues to prosper. Recently he assisted Pastor Floyd Huckaba in a good meeting in Richland Church, Nashville. There were 22 additions, 16 adults, one couple 72 years of age.

Rev. Glen Eric Wiley of Grenada recently assisted Pastor R. C. Goldsmith in a meeting in Calvary Church, Jackson, Tenn. The church was greatly blessed; congregations large; the good will be felt for a long time to come. There were 22 professions of faith and several joined by letters; others are expected. Pastor Goldsmith says: "Brother Wiley is a splendid, able preacher of the Gospel. He won the heart of the whole church with his genial spirit, straightforward preaching, and zealous concern for the Lord's Church and the pastoral office. His heart is in evangelism and God has given him some remarkable gifts for this work. He strengthened the church, the pastor, and the bond between pastor and people. Surely his own church must be happy in his ministry."

Recently in Hong Kong, during a one-week conference of Bible study, one hundred and sixty-six young people between the ages of fourteen and twenty accepted Christ.

Pastor W. L. Day has just concluded a good meeting at Louisville in which he preached.

Pastor W. C. Wood of Ponchatoula, La., last week had Rev. R. K. Corder of Philadelphia with him in a revival meeting.

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The people of the Swiftwater Community have gone to work on the church to complete it and have it ready for their first anniversary Sunday, November 16, 1941. This will be an all-day singing with dinner on the ground. Everyone is invited to attend. An offering will be taken to pay for the completion of the church.—Mrs. J. V. Bengé.

We commend to editors and those who write this subject for discussion: "The Woman Rides the Beast." You will find the picture in Revelation 17. And you will find the exemplification of it in the way the Roman and Greek Catholic churches are now trying to ride into Russia.

Oct. 1 Rev. L. R. Alford went from Newton, Ala., where he has been pastor for three years to Columbia, Ala. Brother Alford is from Franklinton, La., and his wife (formerly Grace Bass) of Columbia. Both are alumni of the Baptist Bible Institute. They are the proud parents of a fine boy, Raymond Alford.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "MISUNDERSTOOD"

One of the ills that continually try the soul of a pastor is misunderstanding. But this should not unduly distress him because the good have always been misunderstood.

If he is genuinely unselfish, the shrewd worldlings will think he is a sap. If he is prudent and thrifty some of his pharisaical secular saints will say that he is selfish. If he has wisely thought ahead, some impetuous hot-head who acts first and thinks afterwards, will say he is a moss back. If he suggests something that has not been before but the Lord has led him to propose it, there will be those who will tell him it ought not to be done because it has not been done in that neighborhood.

The above are only a few phases of misunderstanding under which a pastor continually labors. Not infrequently a pastor's motives are impugned; his meanings are twisted; his purposes are distorted.

The one thing for the wise pastor to do is to remember that the Lord understands. He should seek ever thoughtfully to lead people to understand. Those who will not understand him because of blindness from prejudice, or indifference, or covetousness and from other causes are to be pitied. The Lord will not have us to worry and be discouraged when we suffer inescapable misunderstanding.

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Dr. Chas. E. Maddry writes that the Foreign Mission Board has asked Dr. J. B. Hipps to use his year of furlough in visiting our schools and colleges in the south, to confer with young people about mission work. He has already begun his work. Dr. Hipps taught in Shanghai University and is well qualified for this specific work.

Rev. D. W. Moulder writes "I have today been to see two of our pioneer preachers; Brethren L. D. Bassett, aged 80 and L. E. Lightsey aged 84. They answered the call to service and await His call to their reward. Eternity alone will reveal the worth of what they have done. The Lord bless and keep them till the final victory is won."

From Mrs. Frank Fair, Jr., Louisville, we learn that cottage prayer meetings preceded the revival for two weeks. The meeting ran from Oct. 19 to 25. Two prayer groups met each night before the preaching service. Pastor W. L. Day preached twice daily. Interest was good from the first and increased every day. The preaching was with power. There were 96 additions to the church, 57 by baptism, and eight rededications. It was one of the best meetings in the history of the church.

In a recent communication sent by the S. E. Miss. Baptist Pastors' Conference a word was left out. It should read: "For the sake of kingdom progress and for the sake of the spirit of Mississippi Baptists there be no change in our Mississippi Baptist Educational setup urged by any individual or group at the 1941 Meridian Convention." Signed by the president and secretary.

Southwestern Seminary Alumni Banquet at Meridian, Wednesday evening, Nov. 12, at 5:30 p. m., at First Baptist Church; plates 60 cents each. Dr. R. T. Daniel, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew is guest speaker. All former students, alumni and friends, secure tickets by seeing or writing T. W. Talkington of Sumrall, who is president of the Alumni Association.

We are in receipt of Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary for 1942. It is published by the Higley Press of Butler, Indiana. It is a book of about 300 pages and sells for \$1.00. It follows of course, the international lessons used in all our Sunday Schools. The interpretations which we have examined seem sensible and helpful. The Bible is taken at its face value. The book is the result of cooperation of several authors. There are several attractive features such as analysis, exposition, homiletic outline, historic setting, illustrations, seed thoughts and subjects for discussion. One gets full value for his dollar.





**THE PASTOR'S CABINET**  
R. K. Corder, Philadelphia, Miss.

This cabinet consists of the chairman of the Board of Deacons, the Sunday School Superintendent, the President of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Director of the Baptist Training Union. These represent each and every department and group in the church, and the church as a whole.

The other agencies of the church comprise church members only, men, women and young people, and have their distinctive work.

This cabinet meets at least once a quarter, usually in the pastor's home for an entire evening and surveys the whole church work and outlines the "All-Church Program" for at least three months in advance.

The photograph accompanying this article indicates how the cabinet works. Each one has a calendar, each has a notation of special features for his or her own department during the coming quarter and these are put together and adjusted so as to make a united, harmonious, and constructive "All-Church Program." Some times it is like working out a jig-saw puzzle but we finally find that each of the pieces can be made to fit in somewhere, and that, in cooperation and not competition with all other. We also have on hand the associational, district, state, and southwide denominational conference, conventions or gatherings relating to each department and we put them into our church calendar.

The following is an example of the most recent one we have done.

The Pastor's Cabinet meeting was held in the Pastor's home Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1941. The following "All-Church Program" for October, November and December was set up:

#### October

- Oct. 2—Deacon's regular meeting.
- Oct. 3—W. M. U., Neshoba County Association
- Oct. 5—Baptismal (regular time).
- Oct. 6—Sunday School Council meeting.
- Oct. 8 and 9—Neshoba County Baptist Association.
- October 12—Lord's Supper (regular time).
- Oct. 14—B. T. U. Clinic.
- Oct. 22—Efficiency Executive Extension B. T. U. committee meeting.
- Oct. 26—State Mission Day.
- Oct. 27—B. T. U. Associational Conference.

#### November

- Nov. 2—Budget program B. T. U. Assembly.
- Nov. 3—Sunday School meeting.
- Nov. 6—Deacon's regular meeting.
- Nov. 12—Mississippi Baptist State Convention
- Nov. 19—Executive Training Union meeting.
- Nov. 21—W. M. U. Clinic.
- Nov. 23—Church Enlistment Week.
- Nov. 27—State B. T. U. Convention, Tupelo, Miss.

#### December

- Dec. 1—Sunday School Council.
  - Dec. 1 to 3—W. M. U. Week of Prayer.
  - Dec. 4—Regular deacon's meeting.
  - Dec. 7—Election of deacons.
  - Dec. 17—Executive Efficiency Extension B. T. U. committee meeting.
  - Dec. 23—B. S. U. Night.
  - Dec. 21—Watch Night Service.
- The cabinet meetings promote good fellowship, understanding and a sense of "oneness" in con-

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them. that thy profit may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

#### A Plea For Pastors

The prices of the things your pastor buys are up—some as much as 50 per cent. In making the church budget it would be only fair to keep this fact in mind and increase his salary enough to cover the price increases. If your church does not operate on a budget, try to lead the church to vote to increase the present salary. This is just simple fairness.

#### October Receipts Up \$21,922.50

Records in Secretary McCall's office show that receipts for October, 1941, were \$21,922.50 more than they were for October, 1940.

Records in The Baptist Record office show that the circulation of The Baptist Record for October, 1941, was the highest in its history. Two and two make four. As Record circulation grows so do receipts. No, the Record didn't cause this increase but it helped cultivate the fields so that pastors and workers could.

#### THE RECORD DOES HELP.

#### Circulation Continues to Increase

A typographical error gave last week's circulation as 24,505. The correct figures were 24,005. But even that was an increase of almost a thousand in two weeks.

This week's circulation is 24,248 or an increase of 243 for the week, or an increase of 1,234 in the past three weeks.

Most of this increase has come from churches that have adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan.

Other churches are adopting and keeping the EVERY FAMILY plan. They consider it a good investment. "A hint to the wise is —."

#### Jones County Association

Jones County Association met with Friendship Church. Rev. David Harrison is pastor. The association showed its appreciation of a great layman by electing Harry Smallwood as moderator. Rev. E. I. Farr was elected clerk and treasurer. Two new churches were admitted: Sand Hill, Cecil Roberson, pastor, and Pecan Grove, Devel Hillman, pastor.

All the reports we heard were excellent (and original—not suggested) but no better Baptist Record report has been heard by the writer than one prepared by Prof. J. B. Young of Ellisville, an EF Church.

Jones County's Record readers are recorded as follows: FAIRFIELD 26; ELLISVILLE 110; South Laurel 1; Second Avenue 8; FIRST LAUREL 411; WEST LAUREL 184; MOSELLE 25; Ovett 1; SAND HILL 12; Soso 3; Oral 1; MYRICK 22; County Line 2; Sandersville 1.

#### Columbus Association

We had a new experience at the Columbus Association. The one who was to preach the annual sermon was absent. We were asked to substitute for him and to use as our subject, "Christian Literature."

Officers elected were: Rev. W. L. Marsh, moderator; vice-moderator, Dr. N. B. Armstrong; clerk and treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Shuffield. We didn't hear all the reports but especially well prepared reports were given by Mrs. T. C. Thrower and Mrs. Sam Wilder on Sunday School and the Baptist Training Union.

As usual at this fall's association an EF list was handed to us.

Lowndes County now has Record subscribers ducting a correlated and co-ordinated "All-Church Program."

We heard about the good work of this Pastor's Cabinet and requested that he share it with others. —A. L. Goodrich.

listed as follows: ARTESIA 18; Border Springs 2; First Columbus 70; CALVARY 39; MT. VERNON 20; East End 26; PLEASANT HILL 34.

#### Copiah County Association

Rev. R. A. Tullos is pastor at Pine Bluff Church. Pine Bluff Church entertained the Copiah County Association, which means that it was well done. Rev. T. W. Green, J. B. Robinson and W. G. Sumrall were elected moderator, clerk and treasurer.

All reports were well prepared and well presented. We were very fortunate in being given thirty good minutes the first morning just before Rev. R. A. Langley preached the annual sermon. All who know him know that it was a good one.

Rev. J. L. Lowe of Crystal Springs was on hand. He is now 84 years old and has been a Record reader for 55 years.

Copiah County's subscribers are listed as follows: ANTIOCH 20; Bethel 1; CRYSTAL SPRINGS 297; GALLMAN 23; GEORGETOWN 45; Hazlehurst 14; Macedonia 7; Pilgrims Rest 10; Pleasant Hill 2; ROCKPORT 5; Sardis 3; Spring Hill 8; Strong Hope 2; Wesson 10; Pine Bluff 2; SMYRNA 20; GATESVILLE 32.

#### Simpson County Association

Weathersby entertained the Simpson County Association and though we were unable to be present for either dinner, those who were gave it a mark of A-1. Officers elected were: H. W. Mangum, moderator; Rev. Guy Little, assistant moderator; Rev. C. W. Black, clerk, and J. E. Boggs, treasurer.

The rush of associations kept us from getting to the Simpson until adjournment time, but the ever-gracious Simpson Baptists just delayed adjournment until we could present the EF plan. Several pastors present added their testimony to its helpfulness.

Simpson County's Record readers are listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 17; BRAXTON 39; PINOLA 46; D'Lo 1; Kennedy Springs 10; MAGEE 98; MEN-DENHALL 74; PINE GROVE 15; Pleasant Hill 15; Sanitorium 1; Shivers 5; STRONG RIVER 17; County Line 8; Jupiter 22; PLEASANT VALLEY 36; COAT 9.

#### Gulf Coast Association

Long Beach was the entertaining church. Dr. L. T. Posey was the host pastor. The church was well filled for this first night's program and the program was well prepared. We had sufficient time to explain the EF plan and evidently made it plain, for we were promised two EF churches in the near future. Rev. G. C. Hodge was elected moderator and Pastors P. S. Dodge and E. S. Flynt were elected vice-moderator and clerk.

Gulf Coast subscribers are listed below: Logtown 1; Pearlinton 1; Pass Christian 15; Biloxi, First 23; Gulfport 9; Long Beach 2; Mississippi City 1.

#### Walthall County Association

Walthall County had a well planned program and the Lexie saints (J. B. Ray, pastor) had a well planned and plentiful lunch. Officers elected were: Rev. P. S. Rogers, Rev. W. M. Bowman, Otis Magee, moderator, clerk and treasurer, respectively.

Record readers in Walthall County are listed as follows: Crystal Springs 10; KNOXO 14; Lexie 24; Tylertown 15; New Zion 2; Salem 1.

#### Greene County Association

The last association for the year was Greene County which met with East Salem Church. The appointee being absent were given the honor of preaching the annual sermon. The subject was, "Worthy Witnesses." We also had a good time to present the EF plan. We got several good promises and one brother liked it well enough to pay for the EF plan for his church for one month with the expectation that the church will then take over.

Officers elected were: Rev. John I. Hill, Gaines West, Joe Walley, moderator, assistant moderator, and clerk, respectively.

Record readers in Greene County are listed as follows: FELLOWSHIP 12; LEAKESVILLE 45; McLAIN 31; Pleasant Hill 7; West Salem 22; East Salem 6; Washington 2; AVERA 23.

And this ends the associations for 1941 but the EVERY FAMILY lists continue to come in.



# EDITORIALS

PICTURES OF JESUS  
Sought By Greeks

In the last picture of Jesus to which attention was called in these columns, we saw Him amid the excited crowds in Jerusalem who proclaimed Him as the Messiah and King. All Jerusalem was astir with the thrill of His entry. The rulers were greatly disturbed, and there could easily have been a revolution during this patriotic Passover feast. But this was not according to Jesus' plan.

Among those who had come to the feast were certain Greeks, or Gentiles, who were worshipers of the true God and adhered to the Jews' religion. They were not permitted the same privileges about the temple as were the Jews, and were hesitant about taking any part in the demonstration made in behalf of Jesus. They did not know whether they would be permitted even to approach near enough to hear the words of Jesus or have an opportunity of conversation with Him. Certainly, they did not rush in where angels fear to tread. They were extremely reverent and modest in their approach.

They did not shoulder in with the crowd, but came most respectfully to Philip, and said, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Notice the title of respect in speaking to Philip, "Sir." It is the same word often translated "Lord." To them one who was an intimate disciple of Jesus, was an object of high regard. Philip had a Greek name, not a Hebrew name, indicating that his people were liberal in their attitude to Greeks. He was also of Bethsaida of Galilee, on the rim of the Jewish nation and therefore more commonly in touch with Greeks. Notice also their modest request, "Sir, we would see Jesus." But even this was not immediately met with hospitality. Philip didn't know what to do. He didn't know what would be Jesus' attitude. How little he knew the heart of the Master! So instead of taking these Greeks to Jesus, or even going and telling Jesus about it, he took the matter up with Andrew. Together they are bold enough to come and tell Jesus.

Now it is the reaction of Jesus that is of interest and value to us. One's inward reaction to any outward incident is a revelation of his thought and character. The reaction of different people is often quite different in face of the same incident. What is in one's mind is brought to the surface and to expression. So it was with Jesus.

The earthly ministry of Jesus is practically finished. He has fulfilled His ministry to the Jews. And here is another world opening to Him, the great Gentile world. Out of the darkness of the heathen nations these faces of the Greeks now peer at Him longingly, pathetically. His ministry must reach them, must reach the whole world. How can it be done? There is only one way. It is the way of the cross. He is now facing it. He knows its cost in agony and shame. His flesh would turn back; but His spirit is undaunted. The fight is on between these two. Shall He finish what He came to do, and save a lost world? Or shall He turn back and save Himself?

The battle is on within Him, and this is what He says: "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified." Verily, verily I say unto you, except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth alone; but if it die it beareth much fruit. He that loveth his life loseth it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life." This He says for Himself as He muses, and for the others too, for the principle holds in them all. Then He summons them to follow Him, for the salvation of a lost world waits upon the crucifixion of us all.

Again the shadow comes over Him in the conflict of soul. "What shall I say? Father, save me. Nay for this cause came I." To fail here is to fail everywhere. "Father, glorify thy name." God hears and answers. Answers that all people may know that this is God's will and that it will be triumphant. Through suffering to glory is God's way of redeeming a lost world. Sorrow comes for the night, but joy cometh in the morning. Who

## GOD'S CHILDREN ARE PEACE MAKERS

Peace is one of the things for which the hearts of men have longed in all the ages. In a large part of the Orient the common salutation when people meet is "Peace" or "Peace Be Unto You." The reason for it is probably that real peace has been a scarce article in the history of the human race. In Rome it is said that the gates to the temple of James could be closed only when there were no wars. The gates were never closed except twice.

Among the devout Jews one of the greatest yearnings of their souls was for peace. Paul exhorted the early Christians to pray for the peace of the world, just as David asked the worshipers of God to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and tells them how it may be done. Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. At His birth the angels announced "Peace among men of good will." In Hebrews we read that "the fruits of righteousness are sown in peace."

Near the close of the "beatitudes" in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says, "Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God." We are not simply to long for peace, not merely to pray for peace, but we are to make peace. We have the responsibility not only to keep the peace, but to bring about peace. We are to be peace-makers.

Now let's not jump at conclusions, but follow after the things which make for peace. It does not come merely from wishful thinking. Children used to say to some one who expressed a vain wish: "Wish in one cup, and pour water in another, and see which gets full first." You have heard of the little dog named May who was fond of jumping at conclusions. One day she jumped at a mule's conclusion, and that was the last day of May.

What we are saying is this: There is a way to make peace, a right way, the only way. There are certain conditions of peace; and when these are fulfilled you have peace. Without these you cannot have peace. And that is true whether you mean peace to a troubled world, peace to a troubled soul, or peace among individuals.

The first and chief condition of peace is righteousness. If you wish to have peace with God, you must get right with God. If you wish peace among nations, you must have justice among nations. If you expect to have peace between individual men, you must get these men to do that which is right. A man who proclaims peace or seeks peace on any other basis is deceiving himself and consciously or unconsciously perpetuating a fraud.

The Bible is pointedly against saying, "Peace, Peace," when there is no peace. And the man who wishes for peace at the expense of righteousness is doing violence to righteousness and can secure no permanent peace. We saw a boy recently whose scalp had been injured. The doctor sewed it up, but left dirt in it and it sent him to the hospital a mighty sick boy for a good while.

Again returning to the Bible, in this Sermon on the Mount, the chief idea is righteousness, and when you have that you can have all the rest if you wish it. Read it and see. In Romans Paul sets himself to show the way to righteousness and when he has done it, he says, "Being therefore justified (made righteous) by faith, we have peace

would turn away from the suffering, for the joy set before him.

Strengthened by the voice of God, Jesus is now the victor, even amidst His distress. Hear His words: "Now is the judgment of this world." The crisis is on now. This is the turning point of destiny. The world ruler is dethroned. The world's conception undergoes a metamorphosis, a reversal of all standards. The cross becomes the turning point in it all. If He is lifted up, the trend of the whole world is reversed. He will draw all men unto Himself. "Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand." "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which I have been crucified to the world and the world to me."

May our Father enable us to heed the exhortation: "While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light."

with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Again in Romans he says, "The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace," etc. Again in Hebrews we read that Melchizedek was "first king of righteousness and then king of peace." In James it is said that "the wisdom that cometh down from above is first pure and then peaceable."

There used to be a saying that you "don't go to a goat's house for wool." If you want wool you must raise sheep. If you want peace you must have righteousness. If you want to be a peace-maker, get men right with God, lead them to do right, and peace is easy.

We would not discount the desire for peace. Quite the contrary. We must seek it. If necessary, we must fight for it. We must cultivate it. We must by every intelligent, reasonable and righteous means seek to obtain it, promulgate it and induce the spirit of peace in the hearts of men.

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OF THE SOUTH

Dr. Austin Crouch recently released the report of Southwide funds for the nine months ending September 30, this year. It is one of the best and most encouraging reports issued in a long time.

As compared with the first nine months of last year, the report shows an increase of \$104,866.67 in Cooperative Program gifts, a decrease of \$35,183.68 in designations, and an increase of \$43,558.62 in the Hundred Thousand Club.

The report published by Dr. E. P. Alldredge in the October-November-December Quarterly Review, however, is not so encouraging. Dr. Alldredge's report shows that of the 25,239 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 10,646, or 42.1%, did not contribute anything through the Cooperative Program last year; 5,830, or 23%, gave by designations only; while 4,816, or 19.1%, did not give anything either way.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South believes that the Cooperative Program is, and must remain, the foundation of the financial structure of Southern Baptists. It is a safe, sound and equitable program for financing our work.

One hundred percent of Southern Baptist churches contributing liberally through the Cooperative program would solve most of our denominational problems, expand our mission work to undreamed of dimensions, and immeasurably enrich the spiritual life of our churches.

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South urges a well-planned, systematic and energetic movement to encourage one hundred percent participation during 1942. To that end, and in cooperation with our State Brotherhood Secretaries, we offer our facilities and our services to our State Mission Secretaries, and to Dr. J. E. Dillard, our Director of Promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention.

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On account of the State Convention the Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference meets Nov. 18, at Sardis at 9:45 a. m. The program includes: Preview of Thessalonians by J. H. Sherman, Chapter One by A. T. Cinnamond; Chapter Two by J. W. Lee; Chapter Three by M. C. Whitten, Chapter Four by J. R. G. Hewlett; Chapter Five by W. R. Medling. There will be general discussion all through. Lunch at noon. Brethren everywhere invited to share in it all.—H. J. Rushing.

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# Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;  
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;  
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;  
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

## I

We still feel the King's Business would be helped by changing the Convention date to January.

The only objection we have heard is the weather. Well, that is what every sinner offers as an excuse for letting up on the King's Business. The weather is almost as uncertain in November as in January. We have some sort of weather always.

The January meeting would make the Convention year coincide with the Calendar year in book-keeping.

November is the middle of the harvest season. It is budget planning, canvass making season. What a fine time it is for revivals, stewardship campaigns, enlargement programs. The Convention breaks right into it. We do not believe in changes "just for fun." Yet, we do like even to have fun.

We are not averse to changes for Christ's sake. The greatest enemy to progress is the "closed mind."

The Book suggests our Heavenly Father changes His mind and methods. It is SOME folks who NEVER do!

The present plan calls for a change of Convention date, or a change of books in the office if the best audit is to be made. We are telling you it is not satisfactory—would not be to you if you knew—as it now is.

## II

In our opinion one active, capable person may carry the work of The Baptist Record, both as Editor and Circulation Manager, if not as Business Manager.

The last named duties are divided at present. We feel that division is not best.

The above combination would strengthen rather than weaken our set-up.

That would release a salary for a man to go out and help in some of these needy counties. You might be surprised at the calls that come—one coming last week from a border county.

NOTE—Within a year or two Now Club will have done its work and we will have two more men or salaries released for needed seed-sowing out on the field.

## III

Brethren, we can ask God our Father to give us a spiritual Convention. We need it.

Of course some of us could inject SELF into it and spoil the spirituality.

Suppose we let sore spots rest this time.

Let us have a happy, victorious Convention. Yes, sir! a hearty laugh is much better than a long face, a frown, or, poisonous words—"poison of asps under lips—mouth full of bitterness." Rom. 3:13-14.

## IV

### One Week

One of the great hours of our ministry was in witnessing the Dedication service at 11:00 a. m., Sunday, October 19, First Baptist Church, Laurel. House was packed. Great singing. Brother Fred Scholfield has been a fine addition to our Mississippi forces. Sweet service. Dynamic in meaning. Dr. Gates brought a great message. Love token of \$1800 check was fitting. This is a church of outstanding men, women and young people.

We visited West Laurel Sunday School. Brother Orr is leading in a fine way. Brother John Davis who visited with us has not missed Sunday School in twelve years. Some record.

Monday, October 20, we cleared desk in the office of correspondence, held several conferences and participated in important two-hour Executive Committee meeting.

Spoke at Laurel, First Church, three evenings.

Subjects: Cost of Dedication, Object of Dedication, and Motive of Dedication. Last evening there was a spontaneous and sincere response to a consecration invitation.

Tuesday, October 21, a fine day at the Mississippi Association. Moderator Brock and the group had a good program planned. They let us into it for a hearing on "Cooperative Program," "Baptist Record," "Missions," "Now Club," and "Ministers Retirement."

Wednesday, October 22—house filled at Copiah Association. Interested crowd. Moderator Green and his helpers were most cordial.

Thursday, October 23—in the office awhile.

Dr. H. M. King's funeral was largely attended. Many ministers were present. Drs. Bowen and Hewitt paid fitting tributes. Dr. King's ministry was unique and powerful in the pulpit and out. A man with a message! A Pastor with a heart! God's man!

We left to visit Perry Association late in the day. They were in session when we arrived. Brother Hightower made a good talk on The Baptist Record and the Now Club. Moderator Moore gave all the time needed for other presentations.

Friday, October 24—we visited Wayne Association. The inimitable W. A. Green was in the chair. Things did not slow along. It was good to be there. Our last association of the year. They were good ones. Doxology!

## V

We were recently privileged to lead the devotional in the B. S. U. meeting, Draughton's Business College. Another evidence of Spiritual progress—this group.

## VI

Leading men and women of First Church Laurel recently had a breakfast in planning to complete Every Member Canvass work. They went 'Over-the-top' and are still working. A dynamic group!

A local specialist was speaking of keeping his tithing account in a bank other than the one where his personal account was placed. A lawyer across the table said, "Doctor, the man who tithes always has money, doesn't he?"

The man who looks to God's way in the matter of sin and salvation, gets God's salvation. There is no substitute.

The believer who walks into the baptismal pool—God's way—obeys God. He is a baptized believer. There is no substitute.

God's child has outlined in God's Book a plan for financing God's work. There is no substitute so far as God is concerned!

	Cooperative Program	Misc.	Now Club & 5M Club	Total
October 1941—	\$15643.18	\$22061.42	\$18225.31	\$55929.19
October 1940—	14529.19	15912.89	3565.33	34007.41
Gain ----	\$ 1113.99	\$ 6148.53	\$14659.98	\$21922.50

## BR

We are accustomed to speak of "kindred spirits," and there is a kinship of spirit, as truly as there is kinship in the flesh. People of like minds gravitate toward one another. Birds of a feather flock together. It is probable that in the long run this kinship of spirit is stronger and more abiding than the kinship of blood. The two may be combined, but it is not always or necessarily so. It is interesting along this line to notice how Peter and John were more and more drawn together as they carried on the Lord's work. At first the name of Peter was linked with that of his brother Andrew; and that of John with his brother James. Then we begin to hear about "Peter, James and John." But as you get over into the Acts of Apostles, you see Peter and John going together and working together. In spite of dissimilarities they were kindred spirits. So you will hear about Paul and his companions. Kindred spirits are drawn together in fellowship. This gradually breaks over all the ties of the flesh. May we not see in this what constitutes life in heaven. "The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

Pastor L. W. Ferrell of Griffith Memorial Church in Jackson went Sunday evening to preach in the revival meeting in Meadville, where Rev. W. W. Kyzar is pastor. His pulpit was supplied in the evening by the editor, who preached to a large and attentive congregation.

# NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

The news of \$90,000.00 bonds being taken up December, first, next, is being received with the greatest enthusiasm by Mississippi Baptists.

Rural churches, village churches, town churches, and largest city churches are sharing in this great Mississippi Baptist Victory. Doxology!

In taking up \$90,000 in bonds, December 1, 1941, we include all bonds due from every issue in the years 1941-1943-1944-1945. We clear out all bonds maturing during those years. In addition, we take up half of the bonds maturing during the years 1946-1947.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS, send your money in. We will put it on the objects designated.

Another \$1000 check comes for the Now Club from that fine Christian woman, Miss Jennie Stevens of Moorhead. Doxology! We have \$262 177 pledged. How we would like to make it \$300,000 by Convention time!

## Churches Over the Top:

Hopewell—Copiah.  
Barton—George.  
Oregon—Holmes.  
Escatawpa—Jackson.  
Poplar Springs—Simpson.  
Charleston—Tallahatchie.

No. 3247 for \$36, McAdams in Attala County (F. Y. Gowan, worker).

No. 3239 for \$36, No. 3240 for \$36, North Carrollton, in Carroll County (Mrs. J. H. Williams, worker).

No. 3241 for \$36, No. 563 for \$50, Courtland in Panola County (Mrs. J. R. McCleave, worker).

No. 527 for \$100, No. 528 for \$100, Hopewell in Copiah County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3245 for \$36, No. 3246 for \$36, Pearl Valley in Copiah County (Mr. and Mrs. Page, workers).

No. 612 for \$100, Barton in George County (Mrs. M. L. Pope, worker).

No. 3242 for \$36, No. 3243 for \$36, Shady Grove in George County (Mrs. L. J. Bates, worker).

No. 3248 for \$36, Sand Hill in Greene County (R. L. Walley, worker).

No. 562 for \$50, Oregon church in Holmes County (Miss Eulalie Herring, worker).

No. 3244 for \$36, Escatawpa in Jackson County (Mrs. H. E. Nelson, worker).

No. 548 for \$50, Hathorn in Jeff Davis County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3198 for \$36, Union Church in Pearl River County (Mrs. Felix Lee, worker).

No. 3249 for \$36, No. 3250 for \$36, No. 3251 for \$36, No. 3252 for \$36, No. 3253 for \$36, No. 3254 for \$36, No. 613 for \$100, No. 614 for \$100, Central Church, McComb, in Pike County (Mrs. Eschol Lieb, worker).

No. 3255 for \$36, No. 3256 for \$36, No. 3257 for \$36, No. 3258 for \$36, Jonestown in Riverside (D. O. Pierce, worker).

No. 3121 for \$36, No. 549 for \$50, Antioch in Simpson (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 526 for \$100, Poplar Springs in Simpson (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 46 for \$1000, Moorhead in Sunflower (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3199 for \$36, No. 3200 for \$36, No. 3201 for \$36, No. 3202 for \$36, No. 3203 for \$36, No. 3204 for \$36, No. 3205 for \$36, No. 3206 for \$36, No. 3207 for \$36, No. 3208 for \$36, No. 3209 for \$36, No. 3210 for \$36, No. 3211 for \$36, No. 3212 for \$36, No. 3213 for \$36, No. 3214 for \$36, No. 3215 for \$36, No. 3216 for \$36, No. 3217 for \$36, No. 3218 for \$36, No. 3219 for \$36, No. 3220 for \$36, No. 3221 for \$36, No. 3222 for \$36, No. 3223 for \$36, No. 3224 for \$36, No. 3225 for \$36, No. 3226 for \$36, No. 3227 for \$36, No. 3228 for \$36, No. 3229 for \$36, No. 3230 for \$36, No. 3231 for \$36, No. 3232 for \$36, No. 3233 for \$36, No. 3234 for \$36, No. 3235 for \$36, No. 3236 for \$36, No. 3237 for \$36, No. 3238 for \$36, Charleston in Tallahatchie County (Messrs. Neely and Wolfe, workers).



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

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**NOTICE!** A subscription to "World Comrades" was given to Miss Rea during the G. A. Camps this summer and the address given was: Mrs. R. C. Brady, Rt. 3, Meridian, Miss. Recently the Headquarters in Birmingham notified Miss Rea that this magazine was returned. We feel sure that we have the wrong address, if you can help us out about this, please write W. M. U. Dept., Box 530, Jackson.

Rejoice with us! The last day of October we had received \$10,684.70 for our State Mission Offering as a result of our W. M. U. Season of Prayer. If some of you have not sent your offering, please send it within the next few days.

We have mailed to the president of each W. M. U. the W. M. S. Programs and the material for the Week of Prayer for Worldwide Missions. The auxiliary counselors have received their material also. There is much hard work to be done in preparation for this Week of Prayer observance.

We will want to study the book, "These Things Remain," previous to December 1-5. The program chairman will want to begin on time to plan for each day in the week. If we pray, plan and prepare we will have a great week.

### Father and Son Conclaves

There has been completed in some thirteen centers over the State Royal Ambassador Father and Son conclaves. These conclaves were, with one exception, banquets to which the boys and their dads, deacons, pastors and Brotherhood members were invited from the churches around the center. The chart below gives some data noted in these meetings which should encourage us concerning the work and interest of our men and boys for missions. You will note there were fifty-one churches represented in these meetings with four hundred and twenty-two boys in attendance, eighty-six of them with their dads and four with their granddads. From these churches came thirty-four pastors with forty-six of their deacons. Of interest to those looking forward to the day when more men will be directly interested in mission study and our boys organization is the fact that sixty-nine members of Brotherhood organizations attended these meetings. Also the Brotherhood of Holly Springs sponsored the meeting for that district with each man bringing a boy who would be a prospect for Royal Ambassador organizations. The total number of men present was two hundred. Added to this the boys and interested ladies in attendance made the grand total of seven hundred and fifty-four people at the meetings.

As stated above the meetings were in the form of banquets. Thus the first thing on the program was a bountiful meal served by the W. M. U. of the host church. After the meal the boys and men joined in singing R. A. and camp songs, followed by expressions from boys and pastors who had attended R. A. camp concerning what these camps had meant to them. After more singing the moving pictures showing activities at the State Camp at Castalian Springs were shown. The boys got a kick out of seeing themselves and their friends in the movies.

For the more serious part of the program the group moved to the auditorium for a recognition service. This service sets forth the purpose and ideals of the organization in pageant form. The boys in attendance who had passed ranks of Page, Squire, Knight, Ambassador, Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary were recognized and charged to continue their work on higher ranks. It is hoped that through this service the men and boys present have seen the true spirit of Royal Ambassador chapters and have gotten a vision of what it means to do real R. A. work. The meetings were closed

with prayer and with everyone feeling that they had spent a profitable two hours together.

This opportunity is taken to again express appreciation to the host churches, pastors, toastmasters, and W. M. U. Societies for the time and energy spent in making these meetings possible and successful.

Church	boys	counslrs.	pastrs	d'cons	no. chrch	tot. men	tot. pres
Forrest	41	4	2	5	4	20	70
Meridian	36	4	3	4	9	10	57
N. Augusta	23	2	1	0	3	8	45
Biloxi	15	2	1	2	3	10	37
Poplarville	36	1	4	3	3	16	54
Clarksdale	24	4	1	5	4	16	51
H'y Springs	35	3	5	6	4	24	72
Tupelo	29	5	3	3	5	23	60
Leland	23	2	1	8	2	11	47
Gloster	34	2	2	5	4	12	57
Tylertown	65	4	5	2	5	24	103
Br'khaven	36	1	2	2	2	13	57
Totals	422	36	36	46	51	200	754

### Report of W. M. U. Training School

It is a genuine pleasure to be able to report to you that on this date, October 6, 1941, we are actually settling down to regular work and normal life. The "moving in—getting established—and opening process" can be checked off as done, even though inadequately in spots. The actual moving was done between June tenth and twentieth; the getting established consumed the rest of the summer, the opening festivities began with the Homecoming of the Alumnae, September 9-12, and closed with the Dedication Day, October 2.

The Home-coming was attended by about 170 old students well scattered through the years from the very first student group in 1907 to the most recent, 1940-41. The group was well distributed geographically also. Every state in the Southern Baptist Convention was represented with the exception of Arizona, New Mexico and the District of Columbia. It was a blessing to have so many of our girls from China with us, some of whom were on regular furlough. It was a disappointment not to have any of them from South American countries, and at the same time a cause for rejoicing that they could be at their places of service.

As the Home-comers left on Friday we turned our attention to the opening of the school session on the following Monday. The girls arrived on Monday and Tuesday. Classification of students started early Monday and was practically completed by four o'clock Tuesday afternoon when we had our first chapel service with the Home-coming Dedication Service repeated. We are deeply indebted to Miss Mather for this symbolic program based on "Foundation Stones" as written by Mrs. McLure during the building of the house at 334 East Broadway. It brought before this group of students their responsibility in carrying over the things of the spirit that have made Training School life vital in the years that are gone—faith, hope, love, prayer, selflessness and obedience to the will of God.

At this date we have ninety-one boarding students and eighty-three day students enrolled. The boarding students are distributed as follows: Alabama, 4; Arkansas, 3; Florida, 5; Georgia, 10; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 11; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 6; Missouri, 4; North Carolina, 11; Oklahoma, 1; South Carolina, 13; Tennessee, 8; Texas, 3; Virginia, 7; District of Columbia, 1; California 1.

The Dedication Service on last Thursday was all that we had hoped it would be. We were grateful for the presence of Dr. Maddry and Dr. Holcomb, members of our Advisory Board, who came with greetings from their respective Boards. A Board meeting prevented Dr. Lawrence from com-

ing. It was a source of joy to all of us that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson came for the service, the former bringing greetings as the chairman of the Seminary Board of Trustees, the latter as the former principal of the Training School.

Mrs. Armstrong brought the main address on the theme, "Lighted to Lighten." She surpassed herself on this occasion. She succeeded in being comprehensive, informing and inspiring which certainly is an accomplishment for any speaker. You will be gratified to know that the Executive Committee of the School's Board of Trustees voted enthusiastically on Friday morning to preserve this magnificent address and make it available by printing it in leaflet form.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE U. LITTLEJOHN,  
Principal.

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THE ORPHANAGE BOX  
Mrs. W. G. Mize

Questions regarding needs are always numerous, and occasionally misinformation abounds. For instance, in one section, the people said they were told to send nothing but money; that we did not want anything else.

The truth is: We need money always for the many things that only money will buy. Send money, yes. But we live all the year on good canned fruits, vegetables, soup mixtures, meats, etc., that have been contributed, thereby greatly reducing the cost of feeding the institution. You in the country send the home canned goods. To you people in the towns: Do not order from your grocer a can of tomatoes, string beans, cabbage, kraut or blackberries. We expect that from the farm. Instead let your purchases be corn, hominy, English peas, pork and beans, peanut butter, pineapple, etc., to lend variety to our meals.

We can use good clothing for children all sizes 2-16. Especially underwear (not woolen), pajamas, socks sizes 9-10½, shoes, print dresses, boys trousers, sweaters, coats. We have more pre-school age children now than ever before. The little boys and girls will appreciate some new clothes for Thanksgiving.

All the dormitory-cottages need sheets and spreads. Three of our buildings each have four sleeping rooms with eight single beds to the room—spreads are alike. Foster Building has two sleeping rooms with eleven single beds each with spreads alike, while Carter Hall has two double beds to each room usually.

Right now we need tablecloths for our twenty tables, 3½ yards by 54" wide. The cloths are changed three or four times a week, so quite a few are required. It might be more simple to keep the tables painted using no cloths, but for us we find the covered table solves the problem of noise, the rattle of silver and clattering of dishes. Manners, too, are always improved when cloths and napkins are used.

Have you ever thought of the teeth that have to be brushed, or the shoes that have to be polished? Or the ears that have to be washed? Think of all the little items you use in your home and remember we use the same except more of each.

Now, as you pack your box be sure to put into it a generous portion each of sympathy, interest, understanding, love and best wishes.

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You will find a good display of books at the State Convention. Take advantage of this opportunity to stock up. Dr. W. M. Nevins of Lexington, Kentucky, writes that he has sent many copies of his book on "Alien Baptism and The Baptists." This is a subject that our people need to study. Price of book, \$1.00.



**WELCOME!!!  
MESSENGERS ATTENDING THE  
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STATE  
CONVENTION**

Meridian is fortunate and very proud of the fact that we are to entertain the Mississippi Baptist State Convention November 10-13th.

In behalf of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, which represents the business and professional men of our community, we want to extend a most gracious invitation to each and every one to attend this interesting meeting of your State Association. Nothing is more beneficial to any community than to have a group of citizens representing the work that you do, come into our midst where their influence is felt in every way and we know the members of our Baptist Churches are sparing no efforts whatever in looking after the comfort and making the proper arrangements for the success of this Convention.

No city in the South is more hospitable than Meridian. To those of you who have never visited in our community, you have something to look forward to. We are known as the "Center City of the South." It is impossible for us to tell you of the many places of interest in our city in an article of this kind. However, we do call your attention particularly to our beautiful drives, the Meridian Air Base, which when completed, will house about 4,000 soldiers. Our industries are all at the present time working on double shifts and but for the fact that they are engaged in national defense work, we could arrange tours of the same, but that must be abandoned for the time being.

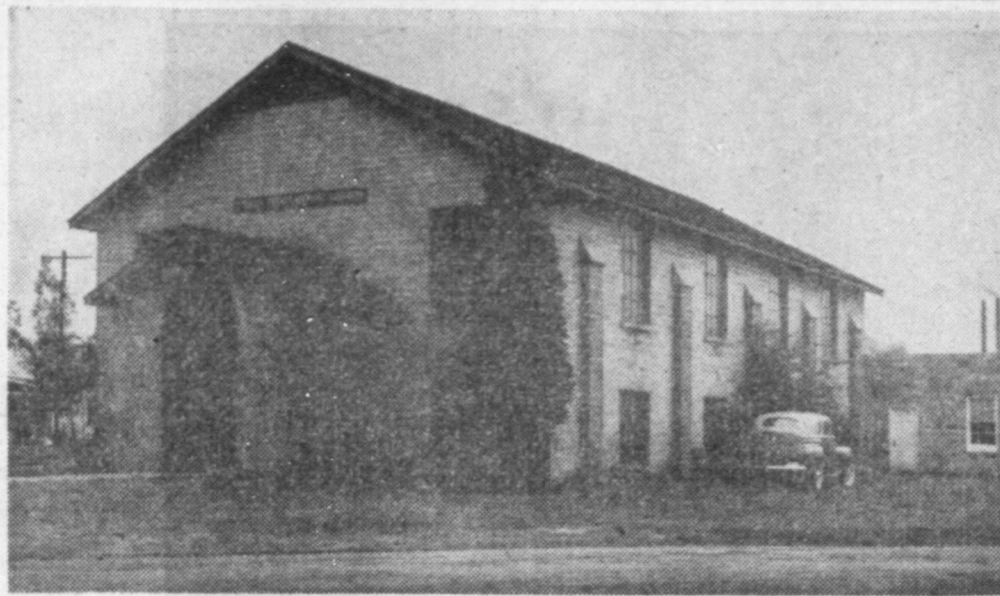
Our Post Office and City Hall, together with our Court House, are monuments to any city.

One of the fine things about attending the Convention besides what you get out of the different subjects that are discussed and the reports that are made, is the splendid fellowship that is offered to you once a year in mixing and mingling with your fellow Baptists from other parts of the country. This alone is worth the time and expense of attending any convention and particularly yours.

Our transportation facilities in and out of Meridian are second to none. All highways lead to Meridian. So, those of you who have not up to this time made your decision in regard to attending this Convention, decide at once to be with us in Meridian during these few days and help to make this the biggest and best convention that you have had in recent years.

We invite you to visit our schools while you are here as we have a system that is copied and repeated all over the country. We want to impress upon you the importance of being in Meridian during the days this Convention is in session and hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity that has been extended to you by the local churches and this organization.

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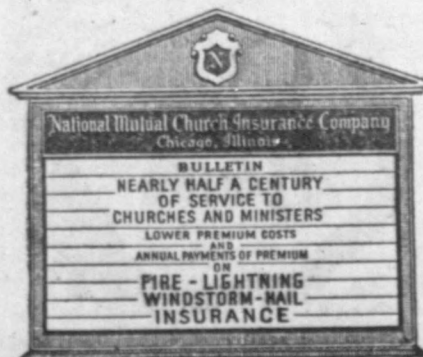
Board it probably would not have been the church it is today. It is located in the hosiery and cotton mill district. It is out of debt and has recently dedicated a Sunday School Annex. Most of the membership has learned to tithe, hence the church is able to supply adequate room for its Sunday School. This church welcomes you to Meridian.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE  
(October 26)**

	SS	BTU
Grenada	374	
Jackson Grif. Mem.	751	385
Bowmar Ave. Vicksburg	78	45
Brewer-Lee	64	
West Corinth	110	
Ellison Ridge	100	
Oloh	87	109
Bethany-Lauderdale	53	

**November 2**

Jackson First	1103	435
Jackson Calvary	1074	293
Jackson Griffith	767	406
Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave.	94	50
Brookhaven	505	137
Taylorville	122	
Crystal Springs	369	102
Pelahatchie	77	102
Meridian Highland	273	
Meridian First	602	
Ackerman	131	
Water Valley	200	
McCool	19	
Webb	69	
Ellisville	187	
Lucedale	122	
Coffeeville	80	
Montevista	65	60
Ellison Ridge	107	
Double Springs	59	
Cross Roads	72	
Spring Creek	96	74
Springfield	137	69
Bethlehem-Jones	74	85
Liberty Hill	115	117
Corinth	279	42
Newton	249	118
Calvary Church (Silver Creek)	66	29
West Laurel	564	207
Pine Bluff-Copiah	91	62
Steen's Creek	97	37
Center Ridge, Clarke Co.	62	



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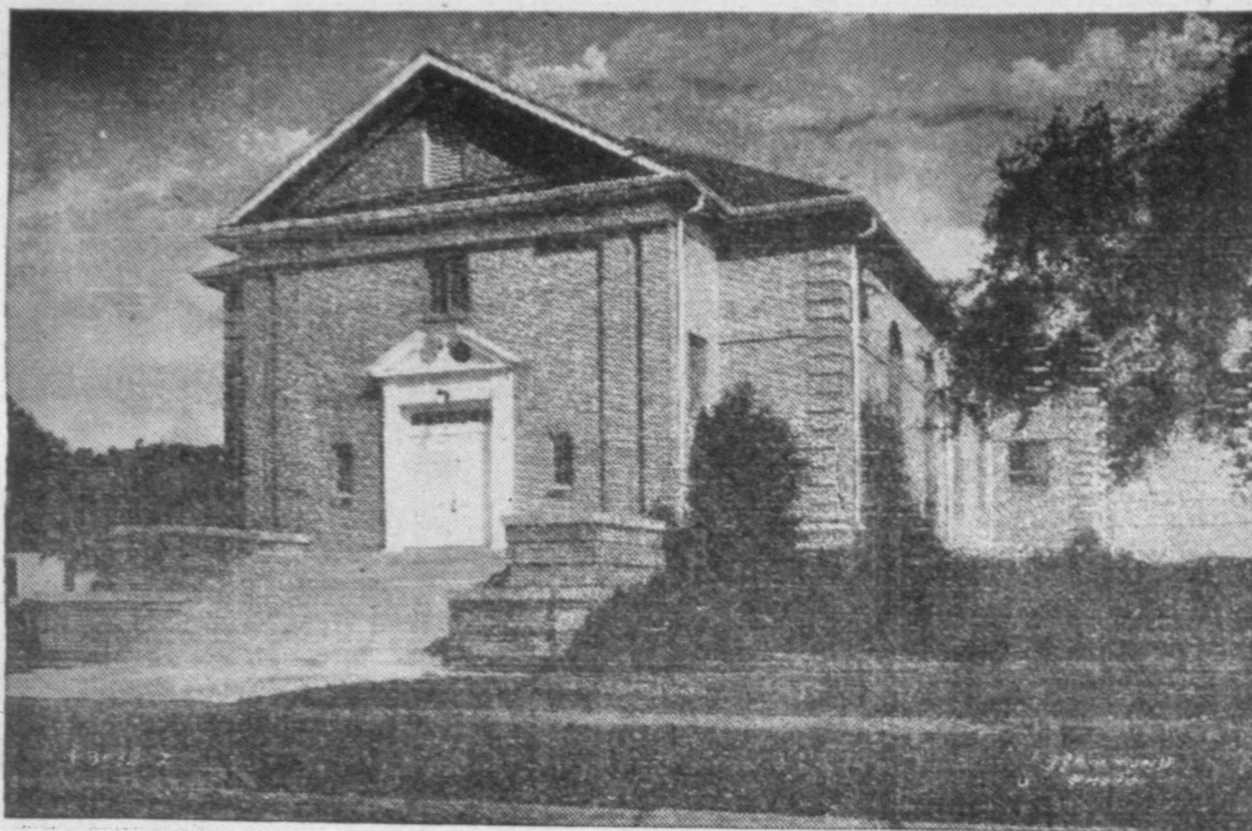
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#### SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Southside Baptist Church of Meridian joins in the hearty welcome to Mississippi Baptists in their Convention November 11-13.

The work began as a mission of the First Baptist Church. The church was organized in 1886 with Dr. J. A. Farrish, first pastor.

The church has had three locations. The present home is located at 26th Avenue and "C" Street. The building was erected during the depression without debt.

The present pastor, Blanding S. Vaughan, became pastor in June, 1918.

—BR—

IMMANUEL, HATTIESBURG  
(From Hattiesburg American)

The Rev. C. O. Daniels, former pastor of Silver Creek, Miss., has been called as the new pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Garland McInnis, secretary of the church publicity committee, announced today. In a called church conference at the church Sunday the new minister was called.

The church unanimously extended an indefinite call to Reverend Daniels. A native of McComb, Reverend Daniels was graduated from the McComb high school and the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. He had three and one-half years training at Mississippi College, Clinton. Mrs. Daniels is also from McComb. They have one son.

The pastor has been at Silver Creek, a half time church, for five and one-half years. He formerly held pastorates in Louisiana and has had two quarter-time churches at Oakvale and Arm, both in Lawrence county, Mississippi.

Reverend Daniels will preach his first sermon as pastor of Immanuel church on November 16. He will move his family here about November 18. Immanuel church has been without a pastor for the past six weeks, since the resignation of the Rev. W. W. Grafton.

"The Immanuel membership expects to go forward in a big way under the new leader," said Mr. McInnis.



REV. BLANDING S. VAUGHAN  
Pastor, Southside Baptist Church

#### SUMRALL-SEMINARY

At both Sumrall and Seminary churches there have been a number of very useful additions recently. Several of these are proving to be most helpful leaders in Sunday school; B. T. U.; W. M. S. and Brotherhood work.

Layman's Day in both churches found the brotherhoods organized and functioning for increased attendance at all of the services of the day. Likewise, both Sunday schools, through their well-informed superintendents, had these departments ready for good offerings when State Mission Day arrived.

The B. T. U. and W. M. S. at each of these places have taken on new life and are doing good work. The R. A's of Sumrall have found them a real leader of boys in the person of Prof. C. P. Wells, principal of the high school.

The Seminary church now puts The Baptist Record in their annual budget and the Sumrall Brotherhood finances the Record in this church.

T. W. Talkington, Pastor.

#### EMMA LEACHMAN CIRCLE, ELLISVILLE

The members were guests of Mrs. W. W. Hickman and Mrs. J. C. Greene Monday at State School.

Mrs. H. C. Waltman presided. Mrs. Hallie Dennis led the devotional. Mrs. W. J. Browning spoke on "Evangelism." Mrs. J. C. Oliver on "Calls to Worship"; Mrs. J. W. Martin on Missions in the Mountains. An interesting business session followed. Personal Service for the month is a shower for the County Home. Roll Call was answered by promises from the Bible. We are sorry to lose Mrs. C. R. Stringer who goes to Laurel. Delicious refreshments were served.

Reporter.

Helen: Did Nellie reject Johnny when he proposed?

Mildred: No; she put him in Class 5—to be drawn on only as a last resort.

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**DR. T. M. FLEMING**  
Pastor, Fifteenth Avenue  
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Rev. T. M. Fleming, pastor of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, came to Meridian from Alabama, his native state, nine and one-half years ago. He received his education in the schools of that state and was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. While in the Seminary he was pastor of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville. Since leaving the Seminary he has served churches in Georgia and Alabama. In Georgia he was pastor of the Comer Memorial (Eastern Heights) Church, Columbus, and the Fifth Avenue Church, Rome, Ga. Returning to his native state of Alabama he became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Attalla. From there he went to the First Church, Sylacauga, and after serving that church for more than three years he became Enlistment Worker for the State Mission Board. He served the board for a little more than one year when he was called to the Highland Avenue Church, Montgomery. After more than five years in this pastorate he went to the First Church, Brewton, Ala., from which place he came to Meridian. During his pastorate in Mississippi he has served several years as Moderator of the Lauderdale County Association, a member of the State Mission Board, a member of the Executive Committee and the Education Commission. He is at present president of the Lauderdale County Ministerial Association.

The Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church of Meridian was organized in January, 1891. There were eighteen charter members. Its first pastor was Rev. W. J. David.

The church is located on the corner of Fifteenth Avenue and Fourteenth Street in East End. It is situated in a densely populated section of the city and has made rapid progress the years. Since its organization it has worshiped in three buildings. The first two becoming inadequate to take care of its growing membership, the church in 1921 erected the present building which is one of the best in the city. It is in every way adequate and adapted to the needs of a modern Baptist church. It has a seating capacity of 1000 people and there are assembly rooms for the

#### BAPTIST BOYS IN FLORIDA (From the Baptist Pastor at Starke)

I am desirous of an opportunity to tell the Baptists of Mississippi of the outstanding way in which the Mississippi Baptist men have conducted themselves in the great army camp located nearby me, Camp Blanding, and know of no better avenue through which to send this word of testimony in their behalf than through your State paper. I have a copy before me even now, which comes regularly to one of the men in this camp.

I have watched the men of the 155th Infantry and the 117th Field Artillery for a year now, and seen them under every sort of circumstance. I have invited them to take responsible places in the leadership of our church, and there has not been a disappointment to come to me yet from one of your fine Baptist men.

I must pay a special tribute to Mississippi College, from which many of these have come, for the marvelous Christian spirit of these men, and for their willingness and ability to work for Christ here.

Over twenty-five have brought their letters here, and probably twice that number in addition are regular attendants at church, and are working in the Training Union, and the reward of their service has been a fine new spirit in the lives of our own young people, in addition to at least six whom they have led to Christ who came with these outfits from Mississippi.

Mississippi Baptists may well be proud of the men they have sent here. Yesterday orders came sending at least six to Texas to become aviation cadets. Today the whole outfit left for Chester, S. C., for maneuvers. If this tragedy of war continues, we will welcome them again about December 1st. If we should not see them again, we may not always be able to call their names, but we will never forget your boys from Mississippi and your great Baptist institutions.

May the Lord prosper the work of your great state and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Respectfully yours,  
A. E. LIGHTFOOT.  
—BR—

Steno: So you refused him when he said he'd make you the happiest girl in 48 states?

Steno: I'll say. I don't choose to spend my life in a trailer.

Sunday school departments and for all classes above the Primary department there is a special room. The church reported to the last session of the association a membership of 1121. Of this number something like 1000 are resident members. It is this year celebrating its "Golden Jubilee" (fiftieth anniversary).

During the history of the church it has been ably served by the following pastors: Revs. W. J. David, M. K. Early, G. H. Johnson, I. A. Haley, E. D. Solomon, E. S. P'Pool, A. J. Dickinson, E. E. Huntsberry, J. C. Owens, J. S. Riser, S. F. Lowe and T. M. Fleming. Five of these servants of the Lord have finished their work and entered into their rest—Revs. W. J. David, M. K. Early, G. H. Johnson, I. A. Haley and E. E. Huntsberry. The others are serving the Lord in other fields.

A doctor was called to see a very testy aristocrat. "Well, sir, what's the matter?" he asked cheerfully.

"That, sir," glared the patient, "is for you to find out."

"I see," said the M. D. thoughtfully. "Well, if you'll excuse me for an hour or so, I'll go along and fetch a friend of mine—a vet. He's the only chap I know who can make a diagnosis without asking questions."

—BR—

"What became of that portable garage of yours?"

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### COORDINATION: MORE ECHOES (By Chester E. Swor)

(Note: On October 10th I resumed my schedule of travel and speaking and will be engaged in this work for the next nine weeks in Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. Therefore, I am some days late in receiving the news of Dr. Lipsey's resignation from the editorship of our Baptist Record. I want to join in what must be a state-wide sentiment of earnest regret that our esteemed and worthy leader feels led to retire from his work. Also, I want to add my expression of sincere appreciation to Dr. Lipsey for his peerless work as an outstanding Christian journalist, a worthy Christian statesman, a consistent and courageous Christian, and a genuine friend of rare excellence.)

In his "A Few Words in Reply" in the Record of October 16th, Editor Lipsey spoke again frankly and sincerely concerning my proposal that Woman's College be coordinated with Mississippi College in Clinton. I am sure that Dr. Lipsey knows of my profound admiration for him and will immediately understand, therefore, that this rejoinder comes not as a personal retort, but rather as a general reply concerning some of the principles involved. The reader will accept it as such, I sincerely hope, for my one desire is that all of us who are interested shall keep the principle uppermost—and not engage in personal allusions.

1. "It is as if a trust company should divert funds from one client to another," says Editor Lipsey concerning the use of present Woman's College funds to perpetuate the Woman's College in Clinton. If his client simply moves from one town to another, is it a diversion of his funds to deposit them in a bank in the town to which the client has moved? Woman's College funds would not be diverted to another client; they would simply be used to perpetuate Woman's College in a new location and in a new relationship. (There could be some argument as to whether the client is still alive or not—and if not, shall the clients' funds be buried with the client or used to further the client's life purposes.)

2. Could Woman's College be coordinated and remain in Hattiesburg? One of the chief purposes in college coordination is to make possible the use of a joint faculty and some important facilities by the two colleges. You can readily see that such would be impossible without a move to Clinton.

3. What if the proposal has been discussed by interested parties in Clinton? Are they not MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS of just as loyal a brand as any others in the state? Have they themselves not contributed to Woman's College drives down through the years? Have they not a right to discuss what is best for Christian education, since they have proved themselves able to run Christian schools successfully? Editor Lipsey's constant allusion, therefore, to Clin-

ton people is entirely aside from the point of what is best for the Woman's College. All of you know that I have been away from Clinton almost constantly for two years; therefore, my enthusiasm for coordination could not have arisen from local contacts in Mississippi. My enthusiasm was born during a week which I spent in 1940 in an institution consisting of coordinate colleges for men and women.

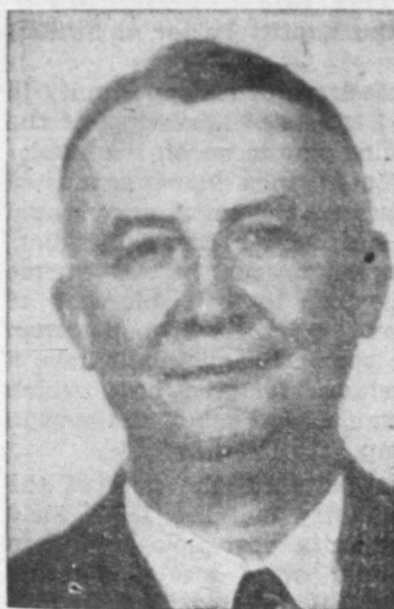
4. What about the ado concerning the people who have given funds to Woman's College? Were they "Indian" givers or Christian givers? If they gave simply because of location or other incidental attachment, then they did not give because they loved Christ and Christian education primarily. Further, I have pointed out repeatedly that their funds would still be used for the very purpose for which they were given. To permit the threat that such givers would interfere with coordination is to permit ourselves to ignore the majority of Mississippi Baptists who may have given smaller, but more acceptable, gifts to Woman's College. If Mississippi Baptists had been as heart-set on perpetuating Woman's College in Hattiesburg as the editor seems to imply, then why did they not give the funds and the patronage to permit Woman's College to continue?

5. Is there any dishonor or danger in changing the location of the school? Baylor was moved from Independence to Waco (Texas), and became the largest Baptist College in the world; Howard was begun in Marion, Alabama, and was later moved to Birmingham—the most fortunate move possible; our Southern Baptist Seminary was moved from Greenville, South Carolina, to Louisville—and has it not been proved preeminently wise? Other denominations have made similar moves with their colleges. Is there any dishonor in changing the name—or altering it? Simmons University became Hardin-Simmons University; Baylor College (at Belton) became Mary Hardin-Baylor (cf. Hillman-Woman's College); Adran College was moved to Fort Worth from Waco and became Texas Christian University; Mississippi College was originally called Hampstead Academy; Hillman College was formally christened Central Female Institute when it was founded; Mississippi State was formerly A. & M.; M. S. C. W. was formerly I. I. & C.—ad infinitum! Is that not enough proof?

6. What possible advantage can come from making Woman's College a junior college—even temporarily? Chowan College (North Carolina) was formerly a four-year Baptist college for girls. In a pressure for funds, Chowan became a junior college. Now, to keep running it admits both men and women—and at that, had only 75 students last year. We could hardly expect better in a similar situation.

Finally . . .

Since the procedures suggested by Editor Lipsey have failed to keep Woman's College open, can we expect the same medicine to revive and restore the patient? Mississippi Baptists ought to be willing to give consideration and trial to a new procedure which will preserve everything fine in the life of Woman's College, and in addition will give it a chance actually to live. Mississippi Baptists own the Woman's College; Mississippi



N. W. COX, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.

Baptists have the obligation and right to speak out. Shall we continue a course which gives practically no promise of a revival of a four-year standard college for women?

—BR—

A young preacher came to one of the distant settlements, and started to reform the natives. Among other things to which he objected was smoking by women. He stopped one day at old Nancy's cabin and found her enjoying an after-dinner smoke on her corncob pipe.

"Aunt Nancy," he said, "when your time comes to go, and you apply for admission at the gate of heaven, do you expect St. Peter will let you in if he detects the odor of tobacco on your breath?"

The old woman took the pipe out of her mouth and said:

"Young man, when I go to heaven, I expect to leave my breath behind."

"I say," said the novice, who was being given a demonstration in a used car, "what makes it jerk so when you first put it into gear?"

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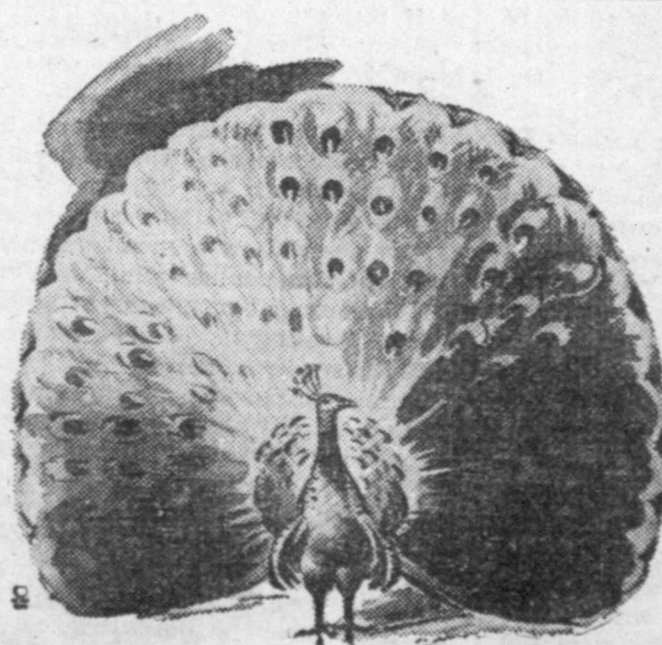
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# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By  
BRACEY CAMPBELL

## REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Bible Texts: Isaiah 1:10-20; Ezekiel 18:20-23; Luke 3:1-14; 13:1-5; 15:11-24; Rom. 6:1-11

### Introduction.

Read the different texts upon which this lesson is based, or better, into which it is woven, from your Bible as you associate it with what is here written by way of introduction. The first chapters of Isaiah were probably written in the year 760 B. C. in Jerusalem. Ezekiel was written in Babylon, probably in 594 B. C.: the preaching of John the Baptist took place in the wilderness country near the Jordan, probably in the summer of 26 A. D.: the words of our Lord here recorded were spoken in Persea during December 29 A. D. and January, 30 A. D.: the sermon of the Apostle Peter was preached in Jerusalem, on the Day of Pentecost, at the end of May, 30 A. D.: the Epistle of Paul to the Romans was written from Corinth, about 60 A. D. You have read the texts? Yes! Good! I. Isaiah's Call to the Creation. Isaiah 1:1-20.

The prophecy begins with a call to the creation to attend the word of Jehovah wherein He says that He has nourished children who have grown stubborn and rebellious. Beginning with the tenth verse, he directs his words to the rulers of God's people, whom the prophet calls "Ye rulers of Sodom."

The people of Jerusalem under the leadership of the appointed religionists have substituted a ritual for heart religion, the observance of ceremonies for the spirit of a vital godliness. What are feast days? What are songs and reciting of prayers, solemn assemblies and the observance of ordinances, baptisms and the partaking of bread and wine in imitation of the Lord's Supper, where such things are done in the name of religion but in the absence of a spirit dependent upon Him?

In the seventeenth verse the people are called upon to repent, and in verse 18, they are promised cleansing upon condition of repentance. Verses 19, 20, give warning as to their fate if they refuse to repent, and rebel against God.

II. Ezekiel's Great Message of Individual Responsibility. Chap. 18.

Read all of this great chapter. Look at verse 2. What do you mean, saying your fathers ate sour grapes and, therefore your teeth are set on edge and yet can not help it? Quit blaming your dead grandfather for your meanness, and charging your old father with responsibility for your devilment. Shut up! I set you before me and deal with each of you individually. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Not you for your father's sin or your brother's, but for your own.

The chapter contains a passionate declaration that the Lord is just in His dealings, and is this all the more so because He is merciful. He must maintain the rectitude of His character because He is love. Therefore He offers pardon full and free to all who will come to Him for pardon.

Here is God pleading at the heart of man that man shall turn from his wicked way, and promising man forgiveness if he will do so.

III. John the Baptist Calling Men to Repentance. Luke 3:1-14.

That was the burden of His message. "This is the hour." "I am only a voice in the wilderness, sent to cry to you that you get ready for the coming of the King of Righteousness." John "came preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." What is repentance? "A change of mind," someone rightly says. Perhaps it would be clearer to the mental grasp if we should say that it is a change in the attitude of the will. Let us roughly emphasize that. It is a change of the will. It is a strong purpose to turn away from sin. Repentance may be said to be the other side of faith. There is not such a thing as genuine repentance without an exercise of genuine faith. Call repentance the turning from sin, and faith the turning to the Savior.

IV. Jesus' Estimate of the Importance of Repentance. Luke 13:1-5.

"Except ye repent—ye perish." Perish as certainly as perished the men whom Pilate had massacred while they were at their devotions, as certainly as perished the men upon whom the Tower of Siloam fell. Of course the word "perish" used by the Lord here means more than simply to meet death, means in addition eternal death.

Of course repentance means a change of mind. But what are men's minds to change from? From that which is the opposite of righteousness, that which refuses the rule of God, excluding Him from life. To turn from the set of the will which wars against God is repentance: to turn in surrender to Him, to turn in readiness to do His will, to love His word and work, to trust the finished work of Christ as sufficient for our salvation, to trust the risen Christ as our Savior, this is faith.

V. Jesus' Master Illustration of Repentance. Luke 15:11-24.

Read it. It is the story of the Prodigal. First sight we catch of him, he is a rebel. Chafing under his father's authority. Not subject to his father's righteous authority. Let us note the steps in his decline and repentance. 1. Rebellion. That is the condition in which we find him. 2. Riotousness. That is what rebellion leads to, every time. 3. Ruin. The swift steps which the heart takes in its decline from God lead to this, ruin. 3. Reflection. He got to thinking of his father's goodness and of his own folly, which had led him to his present sad condition. 4. Repentance. This is resolution. "I will go." Here is purpose. 5. Return. Here is faith. "I am going to my father and turn my case over to him." 6. Reception. The father received him gladly. He always does. He always will. 7. Rejoicing. The father rejoiced. He did. He always does. The heart of the Eternal always thrills with joy at the coming to Him of one who has wandered in sin.

VI. Peter Answers a Question on Pentecost. Acts 2:37-39.

Peter preached the death of Jesus is the fulfillment of the words of God's prophets concerning the Christ. He showed how the life and death of Christ Jesus were in fulfillment of predictive prophecy, and then

charged home upon the heads of the men who had connived at the crucifixion of Jesus and the blood-red responsibility for the murder of the Son of God. The Holy Spirit used the words of Peter mightily to convict these men of the sin they had committed in crucifying Jesus. "What shall we do?" these convicted sinners cried. Peter said: 1. Repent. Turn from the bent of will in which you have set Jesus down as an imposter and an evil-doer, and set your hearts to see in Him what the Scriptures declare He is. 2. Be baptized. This in testimony of the change of mind which you have undergone, as a pledge of your willingness to share the lot of Jesus whatever that may be, to follow Him as Lord, wherever He may lead. And if you do this, you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. God will give you evidence of His acceptance of you as a forgiven and saved sinner, and He will impart to you of the Spirit of His own life to make and keep you alive in Him. VII. How Repentance and Faith Enable a Christian to Live. Rom 6:1-11.

It is horrible to think of a Christian's continuing to live in sin. Christ died for the sin and the sins of the Christian. When the Christian accepted Christ as his Savior, he is said also to have died to sin. Figurative language? Well, a young man keeps company with two or more pretty

girls, and it is all very well for him to do so. But when he selects one of them and is accepted by her and is married to her he dies to the others to whom he has paid attention, so far as the possibility of his becoming during the lifetime of his wife, the husband of any one of them. Likewise he dies to the parents who reared him, as far as their primal place in his heart's affections are concerned. I am learning exactly what that means right now.

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(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children,

What sort of person do you expect to be ten years, twenty years, or thirty years from now? If you are a girl, you probably have in your mind's eye a picture of a lovely, gracious, young woman, busy doing worth while things, smiling, helpful, honest, truthful, kind, dependable. If you are a boy, you see in the future all these desirable traits assembled together to make an ideal young man. This is no doubt the kind of person that everyone of you wants to be. Then let me ask another question. What are you doing about it now? Unless you begin today to do something about these ambitions, you won't just wake up one morning and discover that you have become that ideal.

We all have stored away on the shelves of our "closet of dreams" certain good intentions, high ideals, kind characteristics, helpful relationships, which we expect to take out someday and make real. Well-wishing is good but well-doing is better, and the time to begin is today. Let us open the door of our dreams and let them come out so that we can today practice the kind little things that we planned for another day. Someone has said, "One good deed that is done today is better than a dozen dreams of goodness tomorrow." So if we really hope to reach our ideal, one of the best ways is to begin to fill each day now, not tomorrow, with the things that seem desirable for the future.

"Whatsoever things are true  
Whatsoever things are honest  
Whatsoever things are just  
Whatsoever things are pure  
Whatsoever things are lovely  
Whatsoever things are of good report  
if there be any virtue  
and if there be any praise,  
Think on these things."

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele.

### BIBLE STUDY Cain and Abel

After they had been driven out of the garden of Eden, God gave Adam and Eve two sons; the elder one was named Cain, the younger one, Abel. When they grew to be men, Cain was a farmer or gardener; Abel was a shepherd and kept a flock of sheep. They both had sinful hearts like their parents, but Abel repented of his sins. One day they brought offerings to present before the Lord. Cain brought some fruit or grain, taken out of the field, or from the trees of his garden. Abel brought a lamb from his flock and offered it to the Lord. God was pleased with the offering which Abel had brought, for his offering pointed to the Savior whom God had promised to send, but God was displeased with the offering that Cain brought, for his heart was not right and he had not made his offering as God had shown He wished.

When Cain saw that God was pleased with Abel's offering, but displeased with his own, he was angry with God. Yet God spoke kindly to him and asked why he was angry. If Cain did right, God said, He would be pleased with him, if he did not do right, the fault was with him.

Then Cain hated Abel because God was pleased with Abel's offering and displeased with his own. One day when they were out in the field together, Cain rose up and killed his brother Abel. After he had done this, God spoke to him and said, "Where is Abel, your brother?" Cain answered, "How do I know? Am I my brother's keeper?" But God had seen all that Cain had done and now He said that as a punishment for killing Abel, Cain should be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; that is, he should flee from one place to another, as a person who is always

afraid, and who has no home to stay in.

God said also that when Cain planted anything in the field that it would not grow and bear fruit. It would die or briars and weeds would come up and choke it, so that Cain's way of making a living was lost to him. Then Cain said that as God had driven him away and would no longer take care of him, everyone who should meet him would want to kill him. But God said that whoever killed Cain would be punished with a dreadful punishment, for God chose to punish Cain Himself and not that any man should punish him. Then God set a mark on Cain. We are not told what sort of mark it was, but it was something which other people could see, and when they saw it, they knew Cain and remembered God's command that they should not kill him.

### HEARD OVER THE RADIO

Private John Thomas, of South Dakota, is a soldier in training at one of Uncle Sam's camps. He receives every month as his pay, twenty-one dollars. Of this twenty-one dollars, he sends home, to the folks back there, twenty dollars each month. Recently there was given to many of the soldiers in his camp, the opportunity for a furlough that they might visit the home folks. Private John Thomas would have liked very much to make such a visit but the one dollar which he had left from his month's pay lacked a heap of being enough to make such a trip. He did not even ask for a furlough. Soon after that, some of the soldiers were passing the hat for contributions to help a comrade make a visit home. When they passed the hat to Private Thomas, he took out his lone dollar bill, fingered it a bit, and then deciding that if he couldn't go home himself he might as well help a fellow soldier to do what he would like to do, he dropped the dollar into the hat.

Imagine his surprise and joy when at the end of the day, they brought to him all the money received in the collection for the soldier who did not have the money for the expense of a trip home! Private Thomas got his furlough.

Columbia, Mississippi  
October 27, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

On the first Sunday in this month all our boys and girls who had reached the age of nine years were promoted to the Junior B. T. U. This took the biggest part of our Story Hour, but we are working to get some new ones to join us. We have already gotten some new members. We elected officers the first of this month. I am the president. We are sending our offering this month to be divided between the two causes. Our offering is two dollars and seventy cents. We all like to read the letters on the Children's Page and especially do we like to see our own letter in print.

Most sincerely,

John Kyzar, President,  
Story Hour, First Baptist Church.  
We hate to lose our best members on promotion day, but we enjoy having new ones come, don't we, John? With the enthusiasm and interest that you fine boys and girls have, together with your excellent leadership, I predict that it won't be long until you have as many new members as you lost. Thank you, everyone of you, for this offering which you send to be divided between our B. B. I. and the orphanage.—F. L. S.

Pachuta, Mississippi  
October 27, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

We are the junior B. Y. P. U. of Pachuta, Mississippi. We have a class of nine members. Enclosed is one dollar for the orphanage.

Your friends,

Nell Keyes, Martha Covington, John

Keakey, Jerry Keakey, Janet Campbell, Gerald Herrington, John Dale Sibley, Percy Herrington, Velda Lightsey Leader.

Dear Juniors, we appreciate this gift and the spirit of sharing which prompted the gift. It will be a blessing at the orphanage. Thanks to all nine of you.—F. L. S.

Macon, Mississippi  
October 28, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

This is the first time I have written to The Baptist Record. I read the Children's Circle and all the rest of the paper every time it comes. I am thirteen years old. We had a revival with Rev. Estes conducting the services at West Side Baptist Church in Macon.

Yours sincerely,

Madgie Click.

Madgie, we are glad to have this letter from you, and hope you will always read The Baptist Record and find it helpful.—F. L. S.

Liberty, Mississippi  
Oct. 28, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

I read The Baptist Record every week and I read the Children's Circle every time. I am thirteen years old and I am in the sixth grade. I enjoy school very much. I have a twin brother, Castile. Please print my letter in The Record.

Your new friend,

Castillian Love.

Castillian, it must be nice to have a twin. Then you never get a chance to be lonesome. Do you look alike? It always sounds good to me when I hear a boy or girl say he likes school.—F. L. S.

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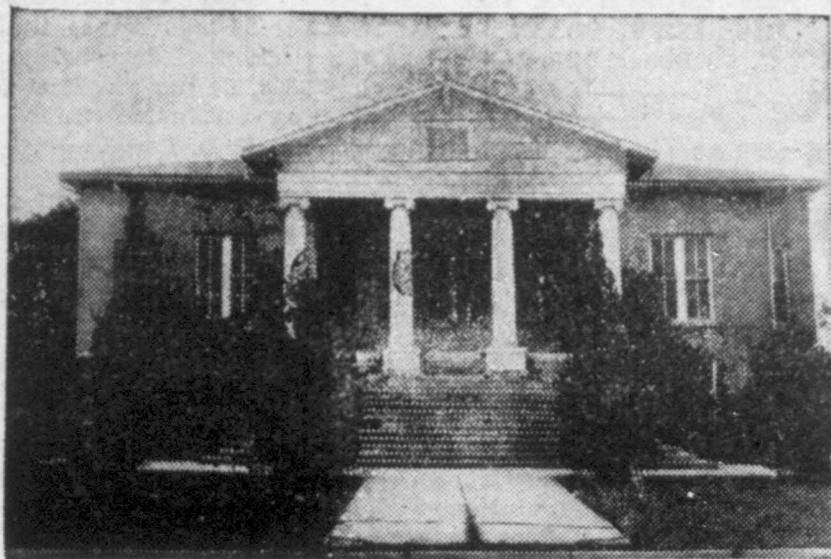
## CHURCH BUDGET



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#### POPLAR SPRINGS DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church joins with all the other Baptist churches in Meridian in extending a Christian welcome to our Baptist State Convention in its meeting with us November 11-13.

Poplar Springs Drive Church was organized in 1883 as a rural church, its location being something like one and one-half miles from the city limits. The church has had two

houses of worship, the present house being completed in 1927. In all, the church has had thirteen pastors. One thing of interest is that Dr. R. A. Venable was three times pastor of this church. The church went to full-time in 1926. The church at present is located at 4028 Poplar Springs drive, about thirty blocks from the business section of the city.

Our church and our homes are open to the Baptists of Mississippi. We are ready and anxious to do all we can to make your visit in our city a happy and profitable one.

#### HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH



A most hearty Christian welcome is extended from Highland Baptist Church to the delegates to the State Convention. We hope you will allow us to serve you while here.

#### JONES COUNTY W. M. U.

The Jones County Association of the Woman's Missionary Union met September 25, at the Sandersville Baptist Church. Fifteen churches were represented, with a total attendance of 107. Mrs. Hollis Dennis, county superintendent presided. The program throughout the day was based on Spiritual Victory. Rev. E. I. Farr, pastor of the Sandersville church, rendered the devotional.

Following this, talks on county work were given by Mesdames W. T. Montgomery, S. H. McDonnial, E. L. Holifield, and Miss Annie Mae Sellers. Splendid reports showed that progress had been made in all phases of the work during the past year. The inspirational message of the day was brought by Miss Edwina Robinson of Jackson, state young peoples' leader for Baptist mission organizations. An instructive Royal Service quiz was led by Mrs. L. G. Gates. Special music was rendered by the Sandersville church. Officers elected for the next

fiscal year are:

Mrs. Hollie Dennis, Superintendent.  
Mrs. J. T. Shephard, Vice-Superintendent.

Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Young Peoples' Leader.

Mrs. W. C. Lord, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. S. H. McDonnial, Personal Service Chairman.

Mrs. Roy Griffin, Stewardship Chairman.

Mrs. E. L. Holifield, Publications Chairman.

Mrs. Fred M. Pettingill, Mission Study Chairman.

Mrs. Leslie H. Helton, Reporter.  
Zone leaders are: Zone 1, Mrs. Otis Boyd; Zone 2, Miss Annie Mae Sellers; Zone 3, Mrs. E. I. Farr; Zone 4, Mrs. W. W. Welborn.

A delightful dinner was served by the Sandersville ladies.

The 1942 meeting will be with the Summerland Baptist W. M. U.

Mrs. Helton, Reporter, First Church, Laurel.



REV. W. B. ABEL  
Pastor, Poplar Springs Church

#### ADVANCES AT BELZONI

The letter from the Belzoni Baptist Church to the Deer Creek Association reflects some of the encouraging things we have seen in our work here in the eight months we have been working together as Pastor and people.

The church reports 33 baptisms and a total of 95 additions in all. Contributions to the Cooperative Program amounted to \$489.43; to all missions and benevolences, \$2,005.10; to all causes at home and abroad, \$8,519.21. The Woman's Missionary Union made the largest contribution to the recent State Mission Offering that it has ever made to any special cause, \$128.00. The church contributed 15% of all undesignated funds to denominational work.

The budget for the new year, which began October 1, calls for a total of \$6,600, of which 25% will go to denominational work through Associational Missions, Cooperative Program and one or two other items. The Cooperative Program is to receive \$1,050, if the entire budget is reached. Some goals have been set for the Now Club and Hundred Thousand Club above the regular budget. We are working on God's Plan of financing His Work—God's people bringing His money to His House on His Day for His Work—and thus far we have had about 45 people to agree to tithe.

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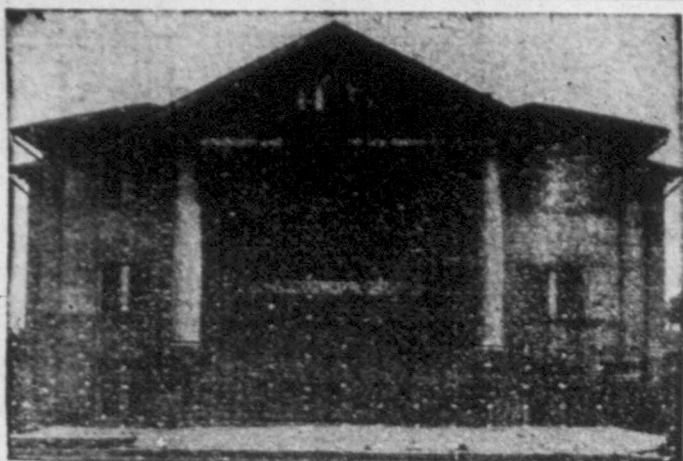
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This church was constituted on March 20, 1881, of eleven members, and in June of this year celebrated their sixtieth anniversary. At present there are eight hundred and sixteen on the roll of membership of whom about six hundred are resident. The first ten years of its existence the church house was situated on the corner of 20th Avenue and 6th Street, but in 1891 the church moved to the west end to the present site. The present building was erected in 1924 when Rev. H. H. Honeycutt was pastor at a cost of more than \$30,000.00. It is modern in every respect, providing facilities for a well graded Sunday school, assembly rooms for all departments and thirty-three class rooms. The Sunday school enrollment is 479.

Total gifts last associational year were \$6,499.66, the largest since before the depression days in the early thirties.

The present pastor is J. L. Boyd (since Feb. 1937); the clerk, J. E. Bassett; financial secretary, J. M. McLemore; treasurer, J. T. Pinkston; pianist, Mrs. A. F. Weaver; choir director, George S. Jackson; Sunday school superintendent, George M. Ethridge, Jr.; W. M. U. president, Mrs. C. W. Sumrall; B. T. U. director, O. L. Davis.

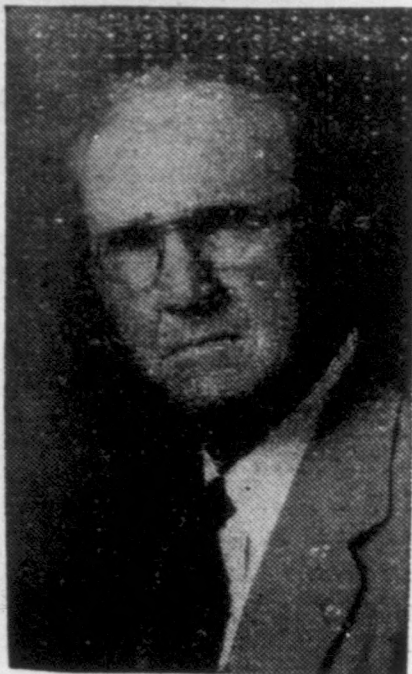
#### BR BLUE MOUNTAIN

The Y. W. A. of Blue Mountain College has elected the following officers for this year:

President, Grace Bishop, Vernon, Ala.; vice-president, Ruth Woolley, Columbiana, Ala.; secretary, Virginia Webb, Philadelphia; treasurer, Ann Knox, Pontotoc; mission study chairman, Janie Mae White, Sumner; personal service chairman, Faye Vaughn, Gilmer, Texas; social chairman, Lynne Whitehurst, Sheffield, Ala.; chorister, Adelaide Presnell, Buchanan, Tenn.; pianist, Virginia Jenkins, Lucedale; poster chairman, Dorothy Turner, Wheeler, Ala.

Circle leaders: Jimmie Todd, Ellisville; Grace Smith, Vero Beach, Fla.; Camille Gann, Senatobia; Madge Cromeans, Belmont; Susie Hacker, Florence, Ala.; Edna Earl Ellis, Mathiston; Mary Elizabeth Smith, Carthage; Mary Martha Leavell, Nashville, Tenn.

Mary Frances Skilton, Secretary.



JESSE LANEY BOYD  
Pastor 41st Ave. Baptist Church

Native of Mississippi, having been born and reared in Pike County near McComb, son of the late Deacon John W. and Mrs. Annie Laurie Boyd.

Graduating from Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he returned to his native state and served the following churches: Central Baptist Church, Coldwater; Galilee Church, Gloster; First Church, Biloxi; Magee; Pickens; Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, and Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian. He also served as chaplain during World War I.

While at Magee, he led in the building of a new house of worship and at Biloxi in the purchasing of a suitably located lot for the building of their present commodious church building.

While at Pickens he wrote "A Popular History of Baptists in Mississippi," and has written many other histories of minor import. At present he serves as secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society, on the membership committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Preservation of Baptist History, as clerk-treasurer of Lauderdale County Baptist Association, and is a Fellow in the American Baptist Historical Society.

The two children of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Boyd, living, are a daughter, Miss Katherine Boyd, head of the Speech Department of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, Jr., student-pastor at Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

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#### A NEW CHURCH ON THE MISSISSIPPI COAST G. C. Hodge, Biloxi

On Sunday afternoon, October 19, 1941, a goodly number of people met on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins' home in the Woolmarket community, Harrison County, Mississippi, for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Missionary Baptist Church.

A council composed of Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Flynt, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Roberts, Mrs. Berlie Tucker, Miss Alice Taylor, W. E. Burrough, Sr., W. E. Burrough, Jr., Miss Gerolee Tucker and Miss Matalin Wilson of Handsboro, Rev. W. S. Allen of Pass Christian, Rev. L. D. Posey of Long Beach, Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Wagoner of Centerville, Rev. Guy Winstead of Columbia, La., and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bond and Rev. G. C. Hodge of Biloxi, was called to order and organized by electing Rev. E. S. Flynt chairman and Rev. G. C. Hodge secretary.

Rev. Winstead conducted the devotion using Matthew 16:13-20 as the basis of his remarks after which Rev. Wagoner led in prayer. The council heard the petition of the body in which several reasons were given for the organization of a church at this time and place and recommended that the body proceed with the organization.

The chairman requested all who desired to become charter members of the newly formed church to come forward and sign their names in the register. The following presented themselves for membership: Mrs. Annie Robbins, Mrs. Mary V. Robbins, Mrs. Raymond Boyett, Raymond Boyett, Shirley Graham, Mrs. Gladys Graham, Mrs. Fleshie Mae Tatum, Mrs. Carley Juane, Mrs. A. S. Andrews, Louise Robbins, Lenora Jones, Barbara Wilson, Virginia Robbins, Robert Husley, J. H. Robbins, Will Jones, Artie Quave, Franklin Boyett, John T. Robbins.

The newly formed church adopted the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith recorded on pages 182-192 of "The Pastors Manual" by J. R. Hobbs. The hand of fellowship was then extended by the council to each member of the church.

A committee composed of Ortho Morgan, Bill Jones and Franklin Boyett was appointed to select a name for the church. Mrs. Gladys Graham was elected church clerk, and Rev. E. S. Flynt was requested to serve as pastor until a permanent

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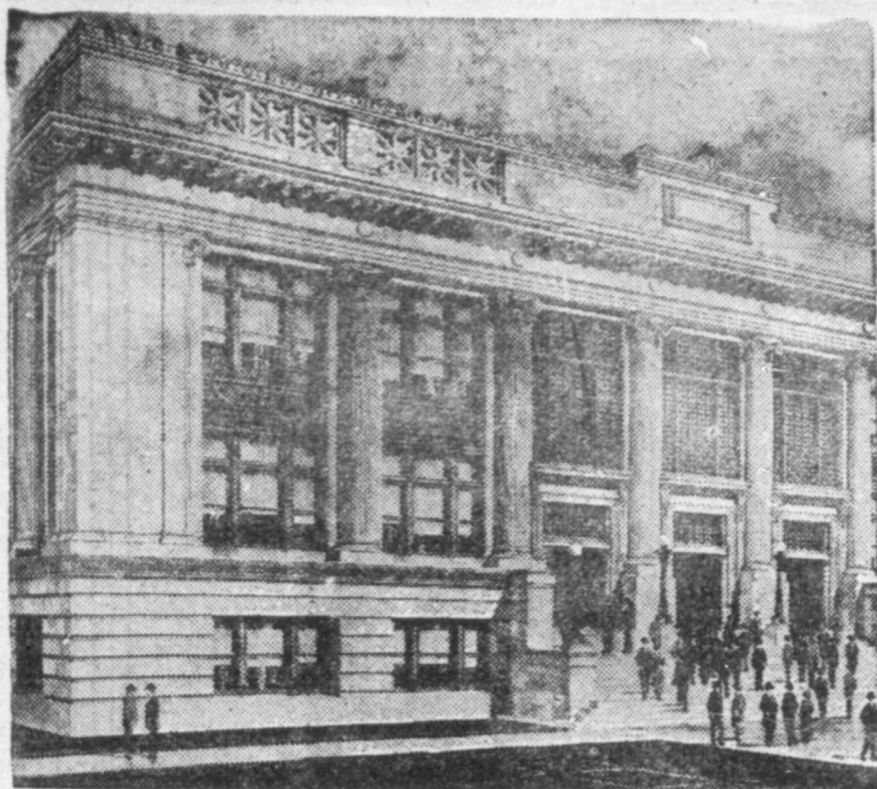
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# REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE

The Radio Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is composed of five members: Claud Bowen, chairman, J. D. Franks, Norman W. Cox, D. Swan Haworth and J. H. Street. The first task given the committee was relative to the Southwide Broadcast last January, February and March. The Baptists have had two outlets in Mississippi, namely, WSLI in Jackson and WCOC in Meridian. For these broadcasts the churches in each town provided for the expenses.

The next task given the Mississippi Baptist Radio Committee was that of arranging ten broadcasts on Layman's Day, October 19, 1941. Every member of the committee did fine work in this respect. October 19th was a great day for the laymen of our Southern Bap-

tist Convention because on that day at least 100 stations sent out the message of Christ through our laymen.

Recently the Radio Committee has been asked to help raise \$25,000 which is needed for this next year's work. For the thirteen Sundays in January, February and March Southern Baptists can listen to the Baptist Hour in which the message of Jesus will be proclaimed by radio. Mississippi's part of the \$25,000 budget is approximately \$1,000. We must do our part to proclaim the message we believe. If other denominations can succeed with broadcasting for results so can Southern Baptists. Every pastor and church will please accept responsibility in helping to raise \$1,000, at least, for our part of the Southwide Radio Budget. November 16th is the day set for the offering.

Our committee has been called to meet at the Lamar Hotel November 11, 1941 at 10 o'clock in Meridian to formulate its final report to Mississippi Baptists for the closing year of our work.

Each member of the committee wishes to thank Mississippi Baptists for the fine cooperation we have received in every request made for help. We have tried to serve you, and we hope that our year's work will help to extend the Kingdom of God.

—BR—  
Advanced Awards

It is now seven years since the new course of Sunday school work began in October, 1934. During these seven years thousands of awards have been secured by many of our people in the various study course books. However, the number of diplomas, Red seals, Blue seals, and Gold seals has not been as large as it should be.

This is a plea to our officers and teachers especially to begin very definitely toward finishing the books for some advanced awards. If you have your diploma, work this winter to get your Red seal; if you have the Red seal, then for the Blue, and so on. But, great numbers of our people do not even have the new diploma, after seven years. Many lack only



OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
(Meridian)

The Oak Grove Baptist church extends a cordial welcome to the messengers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Meridian, November 10-13. We want you to know that you are welcome to our city, and to our homes, and we trust that your visit among us will be an enjoyable one.

The Oak Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1876. The church worshiped in a frame building until the present structure was built in 1932, during the ministry of Rev. T. B. McPheeters. The present building is adequate for the needs of the church, the membership being a little over two hundred. The pastor is Rev. O. S. Sims, who has been pastor for the past nineteen months.

The church has always been small in number, but strong in faith and works. Perhaps this can be illustrated by the fact that the present building is free from debt, and has been thus since shortly after its completion. The new brick pastorium by the side of the church is being completed, and it is also free from debt.

The church has enjoyed, and is enjoying many of God's blessings. We feel that if we will continue to stay in His will, He will have many more for us.

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